

BUILD SKILLS

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LITERARY ANALYSIS

Puritan Plain Style is a writing style used by many Puritan writers. This style reflects the simple, straightforward Puritan lifestyle. Characteristics of Puritan Plain Style include

- short words
- direct statements
- references to everyday, ordinary objects.

Puritans believed that poetry should be written about religious subjects in order to serve God.

READING STRATEGY

- When you **paraphrase** a written work, you restate the main ideas in your own words. Paraphrasing is a good skill to use when reading poetry. For example, Puritan poetry may be written in a simple style, but it can still be difficult to understand. Paraphrasing can help you clarify complicated ideas expressed by these Puritan poets.
- When you read a line from these poems that you do not understand, try to paraphrase it. Use a diagram like this one to organize your paraphrases.

